9th March 1953]

Alleged theft of lead in connexion with Kozhikode Water-supply Scheme.

* 8 *Q.*—Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there was any criminal prosecution against any Engineer connected with the execution of Kozhikode Protected Water-supply Scheme for alleged theft or misappropriation of large quantities of lead intended for the work; and

(*b*) whether the Government have taken any departmental action against any officer?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The answer is in the affirmative."

Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" May I know, Sir, what action has been taken? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" The Assistant Engineer has been kept under suspension. The Tribunal for Disciplinary Proceedings framed charges against him, conducted an enquiry, and has submitted a report. The report is under the consideration of the Government."

Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" May I know, Sir, when the order of suspension was issued? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" He has been placed under suspension with effect from 25th March 1949."

Sri M. S. MOGRAL :—" Sir, may I know the amount of loss suffered by the Government? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" About Rs. 2,900."

Sri A. APPU :—" May I know, Sir, the total value of the lead stolen by the Engineer? "

Mr. SPEAKER :—" The same question was put by Sri Mogral, and the Hon. Minister has answered that question. Questions are aver."

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—POINT OF ORDER *RE* SUMMONING OF THE LEGISLATURE BY THE GOVERNOR.

* Sri VAVILALA GOPALAKRISHNAIAH :—" On a point 9 a.m.
of order, Sir. అధ్యక్షా, ఈ శాసనసభ ఈవేళ సమావేశము అవడం Constitution ప్రకారం తప్పని నా అభిప్రాయము. అందువల్ల ఈ సమావేశాన్ని ఆపివేసి, సరియైన procedure ప్రకారం తిరిగి సమావేశాన్ని పిలవడం సమంజసము, అందుకే నేను point of order ను raise చేస్తున్నాను. ఈ సమావేశములో మొట్టమొదట గవర్నరుగారు address చేయలేదు. Constitution లో 176 (1) article ప్రకారము, ఈ విధంగా ఉన్నది.